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“A Day in the Life”

Now is your chance tell a story. The art of storytelling is an age-old practice, but you (along with your collaborative group) are going to be creating a digital story that tells the tale of “A Day in the Life.” Why “A Day in the Life?” Good question. The way you live is different from the way others live, so why not learn with another classroom globally. What does this mean? You will not only be creating a digital story, but you will also engage in global collaboration with an ePal to help you and your group through the process. How cool! You get to create a movie, but also learn about how other people live around the world.

Ready to get started?

We will be working on the following elements within this project (More details will be provided as we accomplish each task, so don't worry that you don't have all of the details just yet; you will):

1. Netiquette: How do we communicate globally?
2. Culture and Stories: What is culture? What makes a good story?
3. Plot/Story Development: What will your digital “A Day in the Life” story be about?
4. Images: Does text translate to images? Do images tell a story (You will be able to create your images or take them with a camera)?
5. Mood and Tone: How do sounds and music affect a story? Do they affect a story? What will the mood and tone be in your group collaborative story/movie?
6. ePal Collaboration: At various times, you and you alone will be communicating with your ePal. After you communicate with your ePal, you will bring the information that you learned back to your group.
7. Group Journals: On a daily basis, you and your group will complete a log that will become part of your grade. Did you meet your goals? Did you stay on task? How well did you work together?
8. Wiki Reflection Journals: At different points during the project, you will be asked to log into your wikispaces account and respond to a reflection journal that will ask you to analyze digital storytelling and collaboration with your ePal.
9. iMovie Creation: Within your collaborative group, you will create your iMovie through the use of images, sound, and music. We will go over more of this later when you are ready to make your movie. Your movies will be shared with the global classroom we are working with. You will have the chance to view and comment on finished products as part of your final reflection.

As we work through this unit, keep in mind the following questions:

1. How does plot development affect the descriptiveness of a story?
2. How do the use of images and sound affect the tone and mood of a story?
3. “Why do people tell stories,” (ePals, 2010)?
4. “How is my personal story the same or different from others,” (ePals, 2010)?
5. “How is digital storytelling the same as traditional storytelling? How is it different,” (ePals, 2010)?